

25X1

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~ CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY
Approved For Release 2006/04/20 : CIA-RDP82-00457R011200210003-5

25X1

COUNTRY

Germany (Soviet Zone)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

TOPIC

Soviet Troops in Brandenburg

25X1

25X1

DATE PREPARED 4 March 1952

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

25X1

25X1

1. On 25 January 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse, Brandenburg (N 53/ Z 23), quartered about 600 troops [redacted] the dividing wall between the Flak Kaserne and the nearby Infanterie Kaserne had been partially removed, and that a component of the unit in the Flak Kaserne had been billeted in a wing of the main building of the Infanterie Kaserne. Twenty-three trucks were lined up in the yard of the Flak Kaserne on 15 January. About 60 soldiers organized in groups of 10 to 12 men received training in rifle firing, while about 20 soldiers practiced with two 57-mm AT guns. Another 20 soldiers drilled with two mortars which had barrels, 160 cm long, and round base plates. [redacted]

25X1

(1)

2. On 19 January, 7 T-34/85 tanks and 12 to 14 trucks were noticed in front of a garage belonging to the Pionier Kaserne on Einsteinstrasse. Two officers and 25 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen in the neighboring training area. [redacted]

25X1

(2)

3. On the evenings of 9 and 10 January, 8 two-load artillery pieces and 4 ammunition or personnel carriers were seen leaving the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse, toward Brandenburger Forest, apparently for a night exercise. Groups of about 60 soldiers were repeatedly seen marching to the gymnasium of the barracks installation on 27 January. [redacted]

25X1

(3)

4. No training activity was noticed at the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on 31 January. Record practice with submachine guns was held at the nearby target ranges. [redacted]

25X1

(3)

5. On 31 January, no training was held at the Pionier Kaserne on Einsteinstrasse. [redacted]

25X1

(2)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PS

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~ CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

Document No. 003
No Change in Class. ☐
☐ Declassified
Class. Changed To: TS
SEP 70-2

Approved For Release 2006/04/20 : CIA-RDP82-00457R011200210003-5

25X1

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1

6. On 26 January, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied to capacity by an artillery unit. All barracks buildings were fully lighted during the evening hours. Five officers and 224 men with red-bordered black epaulets were seen assembling in the barracks yard on 24 January. Fifteen caterpillar tractors towing one artillery piece each were seen leaving the installation one morning in early January. Four artillery pieces of about 100-mm were parked in the barracks yard on 25 January. In addition, artillery pieces of about 200-mm were seen in three garages near the mess building.

25X1

25X1

25X1

(3)

7. On 20 January, the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse was occupied to capacity by a unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Six AT guns of about 76.2-mm were noticed in the barracks yard. (1)

25X1

8. In mid-January, the unit in the Infanterie Kaserne obviously belonged to the unit in the Flak Kaserne. No principal weapons were noticed in the area of the Infanterie Kaserne. (1)

25X1

9. On 26 January, the Pionier Kaserne on Einsteinstrasse quartered a tank unit with T-34/65 tanks. (2)

10. A military shipment observed at the Brandenburg railroad station on December 1951 consisted of: JS-3 tanks and 4 men with red-bordered black epaulets. The tanks were entrained in Brandenburg and were consigned to Magdeburg. The shipment subsequently left the station toward Magdeburg. (4)

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

Comments.

(1) The information confirms components of the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig in the Flak Kaserne. These components are believed to constitute two regiments equipped with 100-mm guns and 76.2-mm AT guns respectively.

25X1

The estimate of only 600 troops, as stated in paragraph 1 of the present report, is believed too low in comparison with estimates of about 1,400 troops.

25X1

that the Infanterie Kaserne also quartered components of the brigade is given credence. The observation of mortars, apparently of 160-mm, cannot be accounted for.

(2) The information confirms that the units in the Pionier Kaserne include components of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div.

25X1

The vehicles mentioned in the present report belong to the 10th Gds Tank Div, the air force, the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig, the 3d Gds AAA Div, the 136th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt, and headquarters units of the Third Shock Army.

(3) The Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne is still believed to quarter components of the 18th (?) Hvy How Arty Brig. The information on artillery pieces given in paragraph 6 of the present report supports the assumption stated in the reference report that the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne may quarter additional units, probably of the 6th Arty Div. The 100-mm artillery pieces may have been 100-mm AT guns.

25X1

25X1

(4) Probably a shipment of damaged tanks belonging to the 63d Gds Tank Regt.

25X1

CONFIDENTIAL

CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY